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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gang staff patrolling and manning vulnerable spots and bridges are specially trained for this purpose;

(b) if so, whether the Railways are considering to provide the gang staff with wireless telecommunication device to monitor safety of the track constantly; and

(c) if so, the other facilities/gadgets the gang staff is provided for better efficiency?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Training is provided to all gang staff as any of them may be required to carry out patrolling and manning of vulnerable locations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Apart from providing the equipments to gang staff that are needed for identification/apprehension of dangerous condition of track and protection of track in case of danger the following other facilities/gadgets are provided:

(i) Additional patrolmen are provided in areas where there is apprehension of personal danger, so that patrolmen move in pairs.

(ii) Protective clothings, torch lights etc. are provided.